

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 562

SENATE BILL NO. 488

By Burchett

Substituted for: House Bill No. 405

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68, Chapter 115, relative to professional boxing, mixed martial arts, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) There is created a special joint legislative study committee to review and examine rules and regulations concerning, and the economic impact of, professional boxing, mixed martial arts, sparring or wrestling events in Tennessee. The study shall be conducted in a timely manner and shall include recommendations for legislation as well as changes to rules and regulations as necessary to address the recommendations resulting from the study.

(b) The committee shall be composed of four (4) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and six (6) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon the request of the chair.

(d) The committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice chair, and such other officers as the committee deems necessary.

(e) The committee shall timely report its findings to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than January 10, 2008, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 11, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007



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